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Chief Executive Officer

June 10, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES: APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, TITLE 2, SECTION 2.76.380
SCHOOL OF NURSING - MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION
(ALL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval of ordinance amending Title 2, Administration, of the County Code, to transfer administrative oversight of the County's School of Nursing to the Department of Health Services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the attached ordinance amending Title 2, Administration Section 2.76.380 of the County Code, to transfer administrative oversight of the County School of Nursing from the Los Angeles County + University of Southern California Medical Center (LAC+USC) to the Department of Health Services (DHS), effective 30 calendar days after passage of the ordinance.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Amendment of County Code Section 2.76.380 will enable transfer of the oversight of the Los Angeles County School of Nursing, also known as the College of Nursing and Allied Health (CONAH), from LAC+USC to the DHS Health Services Administration, Office of Nursing Affairs. Approval of the attached ordinance will provide authority to DHS to administer the CONAH. The transfer to DHS will grant greater flexibility in addressing emerging needs of CONAH and allow for the establishment of satellite nursing training sites at other DHS facilities in the future.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action supports Goal 1, Service Excellence of the County Strategic Plan to further enhance the County's workforce excellence efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact associated with this recommendation.

FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The School of Nursing was founded in 1895, and through its 113 years of existence has gone through various programmatic and administrative changes and expansions. In 1995, the school was granted initial accreditation status by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges. In 1998, the School of Nursing and the Nursing Education and Consulting Services division of LAC+USC merged to form the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health, and your Board approved renaming the institution the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health, to reflect its expanded educational role.

In 2005, DHS established the current Office of Nursing Affairs, which provides nursing leadership, with a special emphasis in nurse recruitment. In regards to CONAH, DHS' Office of Nursing Affairs is planning on expanding the training courses to other hospital campuses, and to increase the training capacity, which in turn is expected to increase the number of newly trained nurses to enter County service.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The requested action will transfer the administrative oversight of CONAH to DHS with the goal to strengthen and expand the training provided by the college to other DHS campuses in the future.

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CONCLUSION

When approved, DHS requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Fujioka', with a stylized flourish at the end.

William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: County Counsel
Interim Director, Department of Health Services

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